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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants elect Group I drawn to methods of separating nucleic acids. Applicants respectfully note the Examiner identified Group I as Claims 1-14 and 17-32, but believe Claim 15 was inadvertently omitted from this Group. Accordingly, Applicants request that Group I be identified as Claims 1-15 and 17-32. Moreover, Applicants election is made with traverse, believing that no serious burden exists to search for all methods and kits having a magnetizable cellulose component.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for substantive review on their merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,

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